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GOVERNMENT FORMATION

The Turkish Foreign Ministry made the following announcement March 30 concerning the formation of a government in the Palestinian Territories. Informal embassy translation follows.

Begin Text:

March 30, 2006

The Palestine National Administration Government, which was established in accordance with the results of Palestine Legislative Council elections held on January 25, 2006, was given a vote of confidence by the Palestine Legislative Council on March 28, 2006.

We desire that the new government be for the good of the Palestinian people.

We hope that the Palestinian government will handle the urgent issues that are on the agenda with a responsible and constructive understanding and that violent acts, blood and tears in the region will end.

At this stage, the international community should assume an unbiased approach, giving the new Palestinian government the opportunity to fulfill its obligations.

Turkey, in this new period starting with the election of the Legislative Council in Palestine, sincerely wishes that an environment will be created which will provide the necessary conditions to accelerate reform and re-structuring efforts and invigorate the peace process. Our country will do its share to contribute to this.

End txt.

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